

## House Resolution No. 1367

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself through excellence in the workplace; and

**Whereas**, Rita Besleme has served the University of Missouri System from September 1989 through April 2003, during which time she has completed the duties and tasks assigned her as Secretary for the Office of the Provost and as Senior Secretary and Executive Assistant for UM University Relations, beginning in April 2000; and

**Whereas**, at times Rita Besleme has all but worked in two places at once, serving both University Relations' Lewis and University Hall offices; and

**Whereas**, during her impressive tenure at the University of Missouri, Rita Besleme served faithfully on the Staff Advisory Council from 1998 to 2000, and was an exemplary liaison for employees and administrative officers; and

**Whereas**, Rita Besleme has continued the spirit of volunteerism by serving twice as co-chair of the University of Missouri System United Way Campaign; and

**Whereas**, her time at the University of Missouri was characterized by her leadership, motivation, compassion, optimism, and strength; and

**Whereas**, Rita Besleme's other important affiliations include the Columbia Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals, of which she is past president, eloquent spokesperson, and active member; and

**Whereas**, Rita Besleme has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Jim, a graduate of the University of Missouri-Rolla, and her three children, Katherine Besleme, Irene Lobstein, and Harry Besleme, all of whom agree that she is one of the finest baklava makers in mid-Missouri:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Rita Besleme for her fourteen years of unparalleled service to the University of Missouri System, and in wishing her the enjoyable and rewarding retirement she so richly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Rita Besleme.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jeff Harris  
District No. 23

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1367, adopted April 2, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker